



Assembling Our Equipping Team

**God's purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults - to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ."*

(Ephesians 4:12-13, CEB)

I continue to praise God daily for the provision of leadership that we are receiving here in our congregation. I hope you sense my excitement as we continue to build a great leadership team, which will be charged with the role of training and equipping our congregation for the work of ministry.

This past Sunday, in worship, we announced that Tony Walsh has been hired to join our church's staff team in the part-time roles of Youth Ministry Director and Worship Leader (Kindling service). Tony comes to us from Copley UMC, where he has been serving in both of these areas. Tony plans to move to Orrville, while he leads ministry here at Trinity UMC and continues his studies at Ashland Theological Seminary. We also announced that Linda and Dave Tibbitts are making the shift from the Youth area to become our new part-time Children's Ministry Directors. The Tibbitts have recently become grandparents for the first time, and they sense that God's call on their lives has shifted to ministering with children and their families. Tony Walsh and Linda and Dave Tibbitts will begin their new positions at the beginning of August and they will share office space in the education wing of our church facility.

Today, I'm excited to let you know about one more person who will be joining our staff team. Sean Eppler has just been hired to become our next part-time Choir Director. Sean is a familiar face to us here at Trinity, as a regular participant in our music ministries. Sean is a graduate of the University of Mount Union (Music Education) and currently teaches as the Director of Choirs and Theater for Grades 7-12 at Waynedale High School (Southeast Local Schools). Sean and Marry Anne (Snyder) Eppler have already had an exciting summer, having been married in our church in June. Look for more details to come soon about choir rehearsals as the school year begins.

I look forward to this Sunday's worship service, in which we will thank Brian Mueller for his musical leadership with us over the last few years. All of our worship services will be full of great music and some of the stories behind them. The psalms, hymns, and newer worship songs of the Church have always served

Grace and Peace,

Pastor David

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